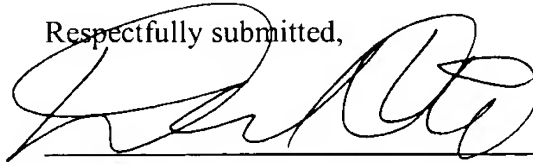


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2435. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/038,799	12/31/2001	Daniel T. Thompson	H052617.1149US0

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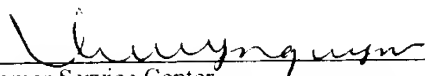
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.


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Application Number 10/038,799
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 First Named Inventor DANIEL T. THOMPSON
 Examiner Name
 Group / Art Unit 2835
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Total Amount of Payment

\$170.00

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:
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☒ Charge any additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 & 1.17
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed: ☒ Check
☐ Money Order
☐ Credit Card
☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. Basic Filing Fee

Large Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	\$740	201	\$370	Utility Filing Fee	\$
106	\$330	206	\$165	Design Filing Fee	\$
107	\$510	207	\$255	Plant Filing Fee	\$
108	\$740	208	\$370	Reissue Filing Fee	\$
114	\$160	214	\$ 80	Provisional Filing Fee	\$
Subtotal (1)					\$0.00

2. Extra Claim Fees

Claims	Extra	Fee (below)	Fee Paid
Total	-20** =	x \$	= \$
Indep.	- 3** =	x \$	= \$
Multiple Dependent			
**or number previously paid, if greater.			
For Reissues, see below			
Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	
\$ 18	\$ 9	Claims in excess of 20	
\$ 84	\$ 42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
\$ 280	\$ 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
\$ 84	\$ 42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
\$ 18	\$ 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
Subtotal (2)			\$0.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. Additional Fees

Large Fee Code	Large Entity	Small Fee Code	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	\$ 130	205	\$ 65	Surcharge - late fee or oath	\$ 130
127	\$ 50	227	\$ 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
147	\$2,520	147	\$2,520	Request for Reexamination	\$
112	\$920*	112	\$920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
113	\$1840*	113	\$1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
115	\$ 110	215	\$ 55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
116	\$ 400	216	\$ 200	Extension for reply within second month	\$
117	\$ 920	217	\$ 460	Extension for reply within third month	\$
118	\$1,440	218	\$ 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
128	\$1,960	228	\$ 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
119	\$ 320	219	\$ 160	Notice of Appeal	\$
120	\$ 320	220	\$ 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
121	\$ 280	221	\$ 140	Request for oral hearing	\$
140	\$ 110	240	\$ 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
141	\$1,280	241	\$ 640	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
142	\$1,280	242	\$ 640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
143	\$ 460	243	\$ 230	Design issue fee	\$
144	\$ 620	244	\$ 310	Plant issue fee	\$
122	\$ 130	122	\$ 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
123	\$ 50	123	\$ 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
126	\$ 180	126	\$ 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	\$
581	\$ 40	581	\$ 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$40
146	\$ 740	246	\$ 370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	\$
179	\$ 740	279	\$ 370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
169	\$ 900	169	\$ 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	\$

Other fee (specify): \$

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